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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS. ^{copy}GOVT. SOURCE

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (181200A). 5th French Armored Division. (Less CC6). No change.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. No change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th and 44th Divisions. No change. 13th Armored Division. Continued movement to the vicinity of LUNEVILLE V0899.

VI Corps. 3d Algerian Division. (With CC6 5th Fr Armd Div atchd). Advanced eight miles on a seven-mile front. Captured RUNTZENHEIM R1924 and AUENHEIM R2023. Reached HATTEN R1833 and RITTERSHOFFEN R1533. Combat Command "6" captured SELTZ R2733. Light resistance was encountered. Front line change: AUENHEIM R2023 - R2529 - SELTZ R2733 - R2230 - R2029 - HATTEN R1833 - RITTERSHOFFEN R1533. 14th Armored Division. Attacked north through HAGUENAU R0423 and captured SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS R1137. 36th Division. Captured WALBOURG R0432, BIBLISHEIM R0433, ESCHBACH Q9930 and GUNSTETT R0235. Advanced one and one-half miles on a one and one-half mile front and seized the ridge R0536 - R0337. Front line change: R0536 - R0337. 103d Division. Captured WOERTH R0037, FROESCHWILLER Q9938, NIEDERBRONN LES BAINS Q9338 and the high ground Q9641. Resistance was light but the terrain was difficult. Front line change: R0139 - R0142 - R0344 - Q9641. 42d Division. Captured ZINSWILLER Q8935, but fighting continued in BANNSTEIN Q8344. Advanced up to five miles over difficult, mountainous terrain and reached OBERSTEINBACH Q9648. Front line change: OBERSTEINBACH Q9648 - Q9447 - Q9344 - Q9146 - Q9052 - BANNSTEIN Q8344.

XV Corps. 71st Division. 14th Infantry relieved the 399th Infantry (100th Div) in the vicinity of BITCHE Q7850. 100th Division. Advanced four miles on a six and one-half mile front. Captured LIEDERSCHIEDT Q8258 and reached ROPPEVILLER Q8356 against moderate resistance. Front line change: Q8353 - ROPPEVILLER Q8356 - Q8558 - Q8261 - Q8162 - Q8063. 106th Cavalry Group. Occupied GR. STEINHAUSEN Q7965. 3d Division. Advanced four miles on a three-mile front through positions of the SIEGFRIED Line against heavy opposition. Front line change: Q7670 - Q7572 - Q7268. 45th Division. Advanced one and one-half miles on a two-mile front. Captured MIMBACH Q6670, ALSCHBACH Q6371 and WEBENHEIM Q6671 against heavy resistance from prepared defensive positions. Front line change: MIMBACH Q6670 - WEBENHEIM Q6671 - ALSCHBACH Q6371.

XXI Corps. 101st Cavalry Group. Was relieved on the south bank of the SAAR River Q4868 and moved to the east of the river. 12th Armored Division. Cleared the corps area enroute to Twelfth Army Group.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (182400A). XIX, XIII and XVI Corps. All no change.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 4th Armored Brigade. Commenced movement to the vicinity of KERVENHEIM E9938.

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XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian, I Canadian and I British Corps. All no change.

AIR. (18 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,327 bombers against two railroad stations and two tank plants in the BERLIN Z8550 area. 1,262 aircraft dropped 1,613.7 tons of general purpose and 1,576.6 tons of incendiary bombs on all primary and ten other targets. Twenty-eight aircraft were lost. 691 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Claims included eighteen enemy aircraft; five fighters were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 688 bombers. Targets included marshalling yards at WORMS M4514, WETZLAR G5418 and BAD DÜRKHEIM R3297. Eleven bombers were lost. 1,143 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Claims included 7 enemy aircraft, 684 motor transport, 64 tanks or armored vehicles, 394 railroad cars, 108 buildings, 101 rail cuts and 13 marshalling yards. Eight aircraft were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Scattered to broken. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles except in fog at dawn, becoming 3 to 5 miles by noon. Wind: 8 mph, southwest. Temperatures at MIMUR: Maximum 56° F. Minimum 44° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 65th Division. 261st Infantry cleared the enemy from DILLINGEN Q2784 and advanced three miles east on a four-mile front. Front line change: Q2884 - DIEFFLEN Q2986 - Q2990. 26th Division. Advanced five miles southeast on an eight-mile front and entered DILLINGEN Q4891. Front line change: Q3589 - Q4186 - Q4390 - Q4891. 80th Division. Advanced eight miles southeast on an eight-mile front and entered OBERLINXWILER Q5795 and ST WENDEL Q5996. Front line change: Q5684 - Q5795 - Q5996. 10th Armored Division. Advanced thirteen miles east on a five-mile front. 301st Infantry reverted to 94th Division. Front line change: Q7699 - L7906. 94th Division. Advanced ten miles east and consolidated the gains made by 12th Armored Division. Front line change: L6119. 12th Armored Division. Advanced seventeen miles east on a five-mile front and reached OBEREISENBACH L8213. Front line change: L8213 - L7513. 16th Cavalry Group. Advanced three miles on a four-mile front and captured HEIDENBURG L4133. Front line change: L4728 - L4133.

XII Corps. 76th Division. 385th Infantry was attached to VIII Corps and commenced movement therefrom. 304th Infantry crossed the MOSELLE River on an eight-mile front. Front line change: L4443 - L4545 - L4845 - L5346 - L5149. 89th Division. Continued to consolidate gains made by 11th Armored Division. 11th Armored Division. Advanced seven miles southeast on a seven-mile front to the NAHE River, crossed the river and advanced two miles south. Front line change: L8025 - L8328 - L9131. 5th Division. Consolidated gains made by the 4th Armored Division. Front line change: L9631. 4th Armored Division. Advanced four miles southeast on a sixteen-mile front. Front line change: M0225 - M0725 - M1333 - M2037 - M2240 - M1745. 90th Division. Captured BINGEN M1152 and cleared the enemy from the area west of the RHINE and NAHE Rivers between M1246 and L9967. Front line change: M1246 - M1152 - L9967.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Captured KOBLENZ L9095 at 191000A and cleared the enemy from the area west of the RHINE River from L9084 to L9286. Front line change: L9084 - L9384 - L9286 and L8993 - L9096. 28th Division. Commenced relief of 6th Cavalry Group.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. No change.

III Corps. 99th Division. Two battalions of the 394th Infantry made a small gain south against scattered resistance and secured the high ground at F7411. Front line change: F7411. 9th Division. Advanced one mile east on a three-mile front against moderate resistance. Captured WINDHAGEN F7327 against strong

opposition and reached the AUTOBAHN F7426 on a one-mile front. Front line change: F7421 - F7422 and F7523-F7526 - F7326.

VII Corps. 1st Division. Advanced one mile northeast on a two-mile front against moderate to stiff resistance. Captured STOCKHAUSEN F7328, WULLSCHEID F7130 and GRATZFELD F7131, and reached EUDENBACH F7232. Front line change: F7328 - F7230 - EUDENBACH F7232. 78th Division. Advanced north one mile on a four-mile front against decreasing resistance from machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Front line change: F6533 - F6333 - F6135 - F6035 - F5935.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 182400A).

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Captured</u>	<u>Total</u>
Twelfth Army Group Battle	64,451	263,471	35,715	8,995	372,635
Non-battle					273,584
			Total Casualties		646,219

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group	
3d Division	BRENSCHELBACH Q7061
42d Division	BAERENTHAL Q8342
63d Division	BLIESRANSBACH Q5363
71st Division	MONTBROMN Q6844
100th Division	BITCHE Q7850
103d Division	GUMBRECHTSHOFFEN Q9234

Twelfth Army Group	
XII Corps	SIMMERN L8453
XX Corps	SAARBURG L1412
5th Division	SIMMERN L8453
26th Division	MUTTERS DORF Q3592
89th Division	L3756
90th Division	BIRKHEIM L9168
94th Division	BIRKENFELD L5916
106th Division	ST. QUENTIN N8148
4th Armored Division	L9637
10th Armored Division	WADERN L3905
12th Armored Division	BRUCKEN L5415

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